

The Society Of Philatelic Americans

Stamp Collectors Asked To Cooperate—Collect Our War Savings Stamps

The United States Treasury Department, reversing a former decision, is now urging stamp collectors to collect United States War Savings Stamps as philatelic items. To encourage this type of collecting, Scott Publications, Inc. have just issued pages to fit their hinged post albums with spaces for a complete set of singles, which include the 10c, 25c, 50c, \$1 and \$5 values, as well as a complete set of the same stamps in blocks of four and booklet panes of ten of the 10c and 25c values. These sheets will be made available to stamp collectors and dealers throughout the country, and they will be sold at actual cost, for there is no desire on the part of anyone to profit by the sale of the sheets or the stamps.

All of the stamps mentioned will be listed in the Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue at face value, and for the specialist all minor varieties will be fully listed in the United States Stamp Catalogue, Specialized.

Here is an opportunity for every stamp collector to enjoy his hobby and do a patriotic job at the same time. You can have all of the fun of collecting the stamps and at any time you can turn them in for the full amount that you have expended on them. The collector of United States War Savings Stamps is doing more good for his Government than even the purchaser of bonds, for he requires the Government to pay no interest on his investment.

The movement is now under way to encourage stamp collectors to get enthusiastically behind this movement and build their purchases to U. S. War Savings Stamps to a substantial total.

The album pages are supplied at \$1.50 for 25 sets, post paid. Single sets cost 15c each, which includes packing and postage. In no case, is there any profit above cost to the publisher. Your local dealer should cooperate by providing these pages for you at cost. If he does not, you can order from Scott Publications, 1 W 47th Street, New York, N. Y. Remit 15c in stamps

Malta, The Sacred Island Of The Ancients, The Most Bombed Spot In The World

An extremely informative article on the Island of Malta, that tough little spot in the Mediterranean, that has earned the name of the most bombed spot in the world is found in the August issue of the Emco Monthly Journal, the excellent House Organ of the Marks Stamp Company of Toronto, Canada. Also "A Thumbnail Sketch of Argentina" and these sketches are monthly features. Besides this I. W. Howe tells of the forgeries of the early Japanese stamps. This forgery feature is a monthly one and has made Emco Monthly Journal a much sought for paper by collectors who wish to keep informed. Then there are page after page of the offerings of this company, all displayed in an attractive manner.

The story of Fra Bartholomeu printed elsewhere in this issue would lead one to believe that the word "aeronaut" probably came from "aeronut".

British Mulready Envelope Popular



The most famous piece of Postal Stationery is the British Mulready envelope, a piece prized by collectors and of which hundreds of cartoons and caricatures have been the base and background of numerous books and articles by students of Postal History.

Auction Prices Of The Past Reveal That Postal Stationery Was Popular Field For Study

By Warner Bates
Wardsboro, Vermont.

Up until about 1937 the collecting of foreign postal stationery was much neglected in these United States. At that time a resurgence set in and it is safe to say that no other branch of philately has made such rapid strides in the past five or six years.

There are now thousands of collectors of cut square and entire envelopes in this country and even the larger dealers are beginning

GUEST SHOTS THE WORKS

A letter several weeks ago from J. E. Guests, Sales Manager of the American Philatelic Society expressed doubt as to his ability to attend the Cleveland Convention because of inability to secure rail transportation.

Word just at hand states that "we will drive up". Probably a one last desperate effort to meet with the boys and after this trip he will have to hibernate in Dallas unless rubber becomes "sympathetic" as one might remark.

Postoffice Department Plans Salvage Campaign For Worn Out Equipment

The Postal Bulletin of August 3, gives detailed instructions to Postal Employees for instituting a salvage campaign in post offices throughout the land for worn out defective and discarded materials.

How many tons of postoffice pen points should go into this huge scrap heap is a matter that only time can answer.

Perhaps a salvage campaign on the part of office executives with a definite housecleaning of office desks would also turn up an immense amount of scrap metal once it was all gathered in one heap.

A frequent overhauling of our own desk drawers usually turns up a quantity of broken rubber bands, others that have become ossified or petrified as well as a number of rubber stamps for which we have no further use not to mention defective staples that have come from our desk stapler, bent pins and paper clips, with other items of various sorts. All this stuff might be wadded into sharpnel shells without being reworked. A load in the right spot would keep many a Jap on his feet for some time after application.

To Hold 48th Annual Convention In Detroit, The City Beautiful; All Stamp Collectors Are Welcome

It was 237 years ago that Antoine Sieur de la Mothe Cadillac, commanding a fleet of canoes by thick-chested "Voyagers" in gaily-colored caps and tough buckskin, came sweeping down the Detroit River and chose a green promontory that thrust itself into the rolling surface of the great inland waterway as a beautiful and strategic site for a village that was to become the center of New France.

But the dream of a New France was a short one. The rugged little outpost of Detroit, peopled by hardy traders, rangy woodsmen, and half-savage Indians, soon came under the power of the British,

along with the rest of the great Northwest empire. Nestling on the fringe of a huge uncharted North-

wilderness, Detroit served the British as a key to the passage between East and West. Soon, however, British domination also waned, and with the American Revolution, the pioneer village and roughhewn fort at Detroit became a possession of the new United States in 1783.... And there it has remained, except for a short time during the War of 1812 when General Hull pulled down the American colors and British troops flew their flag over the ramparts of Detroit.

Today, though the old stockade is supplanted by graceful skyscrapers of steel and stone, though the open meadows and sheltering dark forests have become a great metropolitan area, and though the foot-worn trails have been replaced with broad concrete highways radiating from the center of a bustling city, still Detroit enjoys the great natural endowments that first attracted Cadillac, and the surge of progress has been in the heart of Detroit's people since the first pioneer battered back the onslaughts of savage Indians and hunger.

Detroit's position delighted its people from the earliest settler because it is sheltered from the winter fury of the Great Lakes, and yet receives the benefit of the cool lake breezes that "air condition" the city in the summer time.

Friendly islands at either end of the Detroit River hold in check the anger of the large lakes when they are swept with storms. Indeed peace is the keynote of the Detroit River, for not only are its sheltered waters calm, but it is the natural boundary between two huge and peace-loving commonwealths—our own country and the neighboring Dominion of Canada. With all these natural attributes, Detroit's progress during the nineteenth century was normal and healthy. Led by a group of business pioneers who loved industry and commerce for their gifts to civilization, Detroit's economic growth flourished under a system of small profits and sound financial policy.

But near the end of the last century, the dreamers of Detroit awakened and began to realize their dreams. It was just 44 years ago that the spasmodic cough of

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VERIFY REFERENCES

Many stamp dealers court losses by failure to check references. They start out by asking for references and because names are given them they think the task is completed. We are advised by J. E. Guest, Sales Manager of the American Philatelic Society that immediately following his half page advertisement in our issue of June 18, that a certain party in Corpus Christi, Texas, gave his name as a reference in application for stamps on approval, to various dealers. Mr. Guest was contacted by two of these dealers and advises us that he is unacquainted with the Corpus Christi party whom he has learned is a fifteen year old lad.

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Novelist George Isaac's Honored On A Colombian Agricultural Fair Stamp

By KENT B. STILES

When Columbia selected the Cauca Valley town of Palmira for holding the republic's Eighth National Agricultural Fair and Exposition, beginning on July 4, the postal administration paid philatelic tribute to one of Colombia's foremost romanticists, Jorge Isaacs (1837-1859), whose sentimental idyll "Maria" is associated with Palmira and is recognized as the most famous Spanish-American novel.

On a 50-centavo light blue-green, in a two-stamp series commemorating the exposition is pictured the hacienda which is the scene of much of the action in Isaacs's book and was the home of Maria, the leading character. This colonial ranch house, where Isaacs lived and labored, is known as "El Paraiso" (Paradise), and stands on the slopes of the Central Cordillera Mountains. Under the illustration on the 50 cent "El Paraiso de Isaacs-Palmira" is inscribed.

The other stamp is a 30 cent claret presenting Palmira's shield within a wreath above the city's name. Palmira, with a population of 60,000 in the Department of Valle, is an agricultural community containing Colombia's greatest sugar refineries and owed its earlier prosperity to the tobacco that bears its name.

Jorge Isaacs's "Maria" was published in 1867 and won enduring recognition in Spanish American literature, and has been translated into many languages. Before producing this sentimental story of a Colombian plantation Issacs had attracted attention as a poet, his chief successes being "My Father's House," "River Moro," "Silent Night" and "The Soldier's Tomb."

Born in Cali, Isaacs was the son of a wealthy English family who had settled in Colombia. After "Maria" appeared, Isaacs entered politics and served in several Provincial legislatures.—The New York Times.

AIR MAIL COVERS

SAMUEL S. GOLDSTICKER, JR. (Dept. Ed.)
453 Mt. Prospect Avenue Newark, N. J.

At the time of this writing (August 4th) airmail service has not been inaugurated on AM-58. This is the new airmail route between Detroit, Mich., and St. Louis, Mo. via Toledo, Dayton and Cincinnati, Ohio. Transcontinental & Western Airlines, the contractors of the route, have been maintaining passenger service between these points for several years, so it is only probable that airmail service will be inaugurated as soon as the proper Congressional appropriation is made. Since service on Cincinnati-St. Louis sector is now suspended, the inaugural flights will only be between Detroit and Cincinnati via Toledo and Dayton, with service to St. Louis coming at a later date.

No date had been set for the resumption of service into Terre Haute, Ind., on AM-2.

Eastern Airlines have resumed service on that part of AM-40 between Atlanta, Ga., and Tampa, Fla., via Tallahassee. Service on the Tallahassee-Memphis and Muscle-Shoals-Nashville sectors are still suspended.

The writer of this column would appreciate hearing from any collectors who have 1st flight covers from Great Falls, Mont., July 16, 1942 (AM-3). Also from anyone having any duplicate covers from Charleston, S. C. (AM-24) July 7th, 1934.

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METERS

Correspondence and news matter concerning this department should be addressed to the department editor.

ALTHEA HARVEY
4 Park Ave., Windsor, Connecticut

Continuing the data on meter imprints on cigarettes, the Kentucky item comes in a beautiful shade of red and number 20629 shows one cent paid, while 20628 and 20632 show two cents paid.

In Rhode Island from June 1, 1939 until July 1, 1940 there was a law requiring a tax to be paid on tobacco products other than cigarettes. During this short time, there was a meter used. I have one brownish tape perforated at both ends. It reads, "Rhode Island Tobacco Tax .08 P. B. Meter 637- August 1, 1939". At the present time these are hard to find.

My advice to the serious collector of meter ciggies is to notice where the imprint appears. If it is on the folded cellophane, it will not be a desirable item to save. Try and select the imprints with readable numbers if you are buying cigarettes to increase your collection of meter imprints.

Arthur Stevens of Lakewood, New Jersey sends in a return reply envelope which bears a meter and inquires about it. This is another use of meters for prepaying postage, but it is not the common reply envelope where postage due is collected from the firm to whom it is addressed. These are quickly recognized as the covers bear a printed address with the message above "No postage stamp necessary, postage has been prepaid by". When this cover is used, the post office cancels it on the reverse side. In Canada this is handled a little differently for "Return Postage Prepaid" may be used in place of the townmark. While this is supposed to be a convenience to the firm owning a meter, very few such covers are found in going through piles of metered mail.

Latest reports on the departmental permits include "no. 54" used in Washington with corner card of War Production Board, and "Dept. Permit no. 40" from office of the Chief of Ordnance. A cover from the Tennessee Valley Authority bearing Departmental Permit no. 41 shows no town circle at all. A meter newcomer on penalty envelopes is 108063 with corner card of Navy Dept., Bremerton, Washington. The slogan is boxed and reads, "Official Navy Departmental Mail" and the town circle, "Bremerton, Wash. Navy Yard Sta.", .06 paid for airmail.

Art Lee furnishes data on departmental permit no. 1 from Cincinnati, Ohio used by Regional Office of Home Owners Loan Corporation.

Stamp collectors always eager to add new stamps for their album often try to trade meter slogans for stamps, but this is an unfair trade all around. Slogans are not worth more than 30-40c a hundred and postage is quite high. Two or three nice stamps could easily be equivalent to 100 slogans and they would go for letter postage.

There will be a meter cachet at the S. P. A. convention in Detroit August 19-23, 1942.

Attractive Convention Label To Be Available

Donald W. Martin of Cleveland, Ohio sends a proof of the label or seal to be issued for the 1942 A. P. S. Convention at Cleveland, Ohio, August 12-16. The label is an engraved one, picturing Commodore Perry in a boat as he left the Lawrence during the battle of Lake Erie. These labels are to be offered in three colors at 10 cents each or the set for 25 cents and may be obtained by addressing Mr. Martin at 5518 Euclid avenue. In addition to the seals there is to be a 6 1/2 size envelope with the engraved device, one color only and these are to retail at 5 cents each. Postage is extra on the above and we understand proceeds are to go toward Convention expense.

THE SOCIETY OF PHILATELIC AMERICANS

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a crude "horseless carriage" frightened the horses along the streets of this historic river city, and men with vision planned a new era of gasoline and rubber. The energetic Detroiters fought through failure and skepticism. A few invested thousands of dollars and lost, then tried again, and soon a bright new civilization on wheels emerged from the heart of this healthy, progressive city in the center of the Great Lakes district.

Acres and more acres of factories sprung up. Thousands descended on Detroit to work in the fabrication of countless automobiles. Contended old Detroit became "Detroit the Dynamic," center of the automotive industry and motor mart of the world.

With the boom of this typical American city to its position as the fourth largest metropolis in the nation and the key to a great new civilization on wheels, Detroit became more and more the symbol of industrial production in America. The methods of mass production and economic expansion found in Detroit are copied by every city and nation interested in industrial progress. Engineers and observers from all over the globe have visited, and still visit, the factories of the city to learn the precision, volume and speed in Detroit's manufacturing processes. But the engineers and industrialists are not the only visitors to the modern manufacturing plants of the Michigan metropolis, for every year thousands of tourists and other of the city's guests thrill to the romance of Detroit's complex industrial organization.

The immensity of the great automobile plants, employing over 200,000 persons, immediately impresses the newcomer. Here he may see Ford, Plymouth, Dodge, Hudson, Chrysler, Graham and Packard cars, as well as other leading makes, roll off the production lines. Visitors are always welcomed at the auto factories, where it is amazing to watch the creation of an automobile.

Here, in a series of seemingly inexplicable operations, the thousands of parts that go into the making of a motor vehicle are assembled; and it takes little over an hour for a unit to pass along the assembly line and drive off, completely ready for the highway.

While the automotive industry may be dominant in Detroit, still the city is important in other fields. Steel mills—the Great Lakes Steel Corporation's \$30,000,000 plant with the widest strip mill in the world, for example—have become increasingly important recently. Furthermore, the leading stove manufacturing plant in the world is located in Detroit, the leading adding machine, pharmaceutical and electrical refrigeration plants, as well as the leading copper and brass rolling mills. Detroit, too, is first in production of salt and salt products, marine engines, paints and varnishes, freight cars, vacuum cleaners, twist drills, seeds and a large variety of manufactured products which the world uses.

And that same Detroit River that once served the Indians and early French and British as a shining canoe-path now is a commercial waterway which carries a tonnage equaled by no other water route in the world. Night and day, during the navigation season, almost every form of water craft glides by Detroit's front door. Palatial passenger steamers arrive and leave in rapid succession. Majestic freighters bearing coal, iron ore, wheat, automobiles and other cargoes of essentials parade between Detroit and her neighbor, Windsor, in a continuous procession. Throughout the season, an average of one boat every three minutes passes up or down the Detroit River, it has been proven.

But with an important commercial waterway in the front yard, and with Detroit's tremendous industrial capacity, the city has not yet forgotten the beautiful and cultural side of enjoyable living. Streets tunneled through lovely trees, broad and shady boulevards, massively beautiful

and modern sky-scrappers, rich theaters, stable universities, an art center and a museum, all go into making Detroit a city where the people can live happily and intelligently.

Detroit's park system is famous. In the very shadow of the downtown buildings are open stretches of green grass, shady trees, and sparkling fountains. Every section of the city has at least one of these breathing spots. Belle Isle, the 1,000 acre tract at the north end of the Detroit River has been called the finest city park in the world. Originally purchased from the Indians in 1789 for eight barrels of tobacco, the City of Detroit took Belle Isle out of private hands 90 years later and gave it to the people for a recreational playground. The green island has been developed to meet the wide recreational needs of a metropolitan area. Here on Belle Isle are acres of picnic grounds, winding lagoons for canoeing, athletic fields, a band shell which is used in the summer for concerts by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, an aquarium and a horticultural building where blooms from all over the world are displayed.

Visitors to Detroit are always attracted out broad Woodward Avenue to the modern and unusual Zoo. Covering 125 acres of land, the Zoo has no cages or bars to retain the animals. Every beast is kept in a large enclosure in an atmosphere reproduced directly from his own natural habitat. Only wide moats and waist-high guard fences separate the animals from the spectators. Close to the Zoo is the Shrine of the Little Flower, home church of the noted "radio priest," Father Charles E. Coughlin.

In Detroit's adjoining city of Dearborn are the famous Ford Rotunda, Edison Institute and Greenfield Village. The Rotunda is an exact replica of the Ford exhibit at the Chicago Century of Progress World's fair.

Greenfield Village, which drew more visitors last year than any other attraction in the State of Michigan, stands as a living record of the development of Detroit and the United States. In the Edison Institute at Greenfield Village can be seen the stages in the development of practically every phase of American life from Colonial pottery, glassware literature and furniture to industrial methods and transportation. Under the roof of this great museum is stored such a collection of American antiques that it is impossible to realize the years of effort required to accomplish the display.

Henry Ford's historical Greenfield Village is the expression of the sentiment America holds for the treasures of its tradition. Here Mr. Ford has grouped hundreds of interesting relics of American life and has founded a typical American village of Colonial days to perpetuate the institutions that grew and flourished out of the American ideal living. On the village green stands the famous Clinton Inn, built in 1830, one of the important stops for stage coaches on the Chicago turnpike. Nearby is the courthouse where Abraham Lincoln first practiced law, rebuilt from the actual original materials. The tannery, wagon works and harness shop, the little New England church, the traditional old red school, the cobbler, and the famous Smith Creek railroad station which is associated with the late Thomas A. Edison, are all here in an instructive and reminiscent ensemble of American history.

And so, Detroit stands today, a

city of contrasts and paradoxes. A city of machinery and art, old and yet young—with a taste of the Old World at its doors, Detroit remains the expression of the New. Circumstances has made it the industrial capital of the world, and yet it would take a long search to find a city which can offer such a variety of real enjoyment.

All this and more is offered the citizens of America who come to Detroit for business or pleasure. It is because of all these interesting and fascinating attractions of Detroit and vicinity that Detroit is so frequently selected as a Convention city by hundreds of clubs and societies all over America.

The Society of Philatelic Americans and the members thereof are fortunate in having at this time another opportunity to visit this great city and the members will find much to interest them during the hours in which they are not engaged in following the

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New Bureau Catalogue Reviewed By Publisher An Unusual Innovation

Mitchell-Hoover Catalog of United States Bureau Precancels. 26th Edition, August 1942. 136 pp. Verona, N. J., S. G. Rich; \$1.00 post free.

Linn's introduces the novelty of inviting me, as publisher, to review my own newest book. But who other than the publisher of a stamp book, unless it be the editor or printer, can be more aware of what has been attempted and how far it has been accomplished? And the laws for entry of periodicals in the mail prevent my making this review in any sense and advertisement.

In making the new "Burro Kitty" the lister (Dr. Mitchell and the pricer (Berton Hoover) have worked as never hitherto, to make the sort of completely reliable list of these popular stamps and their market prices, that the dealers and collectors alike want. It has been a pleasure to cooperate, by watching their requests for such matters as emphasis upon urgent matters by bold face type, clear separation of the issue, Prexy and Defense lists under each office by careful spacing of the lines, and so forth. In just this one respect of convenience of use, I feel that our detail work has well justified the time it has taken.

With over 180 offices coming to use the new "narrow" or B-15 overprints since the 1941 catalog, naturally, a host of new type illustrations have been required. It has been possible to secure all but a very small number of illustrations. Curiously enough, plenty of copies of one item showed up just too late, after the book was printed—and this was an item we hadn't been able to illustrate last year either.

The new catalog shows a very definite upward trend in reporting the nation-wide prices of Bureau Prints. I want to make it clear that the trend is there, because the available supplies of many items are being absorbed, and that the catalog is reporting the actual retail prices being secured for copies, pairs, or blocks, bought singly by collectors, at the time the forms were closed. Locally, in any one area, some prices may seem out of line for a short time—but that is only due to a local overstock or scarcity.

Mr. Hoover has exceptional cooperation in the way of reports from other dealers this year, as to items which either have sold at prices different from those of a year ago, or have been on all want lists and which can't be supplied. A large part of the price increases are due to the use of this information.

Specifically, the "white type" overprints, B-11 and B-13, on the Presidential and Defense issues

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We do not expect to have these ready for delivery before September 1st or thereabout. Several people have already written us about these albums. When ready for delivery, they will be priced at \$1.00 for the Compact Album which formerly sold at \$1.50. Only about 36 are on hand and orders will be accepted and set aside for those who want them. We already have a few spoken for.

The B & B Album formerly sold at 80c with 25 pages. In order to use up the stock we have on hand we are going to put these up with 40 pages in them and offer at 75c each. In ordering these you should refer to the old LINPRINT Price List and see that you can have these with the binders lettered in either of the following ways—COVERS—AIR MAIL COVERS—NAVAL COVERS—OR FIRST DAY COVERS. As long as they last you can have your choice.

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Chase National Bank Is Becoming Stamp And Coin Headquarters of New York

Kent Stiles states in the New York Times that so many stamp dealers have taken quarters in the Chase National Bank Building at 505 Fifth Avenue, that the building manager has prevailed upon the Bank officials to provide a room with 400 feet of floor space for a public Philatelic Room available for auctions, stamp meets etc, without charge. A very happy thought. Since this Bank has for years past housed the Farran Zerbe collection of coins the Bank Building becomes the natural Philatelic and Numismatic Headquarters of New York City.

have, very largely been subject to increases. Many of them become fairly scarce, due to replacement by equivalent "narrow" B-15 items. Thus many a 1 cent stamp, priced last year at 6c for a single, 24c for a block, has had to go to 10c and 40c because it can't be had any longer.

In the "old type" stamps of the 1920's, increases have been pretty general, affecting probably half the total number of stamps, and generally being about a 30 per cent increase. The reader must recall that the prices are for stamps in a specified condition of centering, and that in many cases poor copies are plentiful, while those of catalog standard are increasingly scarce. Mr. Hoover has cared for this by giving "C condition" and "design cut" and "clipped" prices in many cases in addition to the regular listing.

I am frankly proud of the job Dr. Mitchell and Mr. Hoover have done and think the collectors will enjoy and appreciate its accuracy.

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H. R. HARMER'S SALE OF JULY 28th, held at 32-34 E. 57th St., N. Y. C. A New Haven 5c Postmaster Provisional, second reprint, signed in blue, v. f., @ \$11.50. A 5c, #28, tied on cover with red numeral "5" in circle, postmarked "Baltimore R. R." in single red line, addressed to Postmaster N. Y. C., v. f., @ \$44.00. 90c, #166, used, block of 4, 1 c., centered slightly to t. block reinforced, small tear but fine appearance, \$33.00. 4c and 5c Columbians not well centered, fresh and v. f., o. g. blocks of 4, together at \$18.00. 10c Columbian #237 o. g., block of 4, v. f., @ \$15.50. 30c Columbian brilliant shade with slight crease through one stamp, v. f., o. g., @ \$22.00. 50c Columbian, almost centered, fresh and v. f., o. g., @ \$21.00. \$5.00 Columbian centered slightly to b., part o. g., fine, @ \$25.00. Dealers, remnants in stock books sold above estimated cash value, one lot bringing \$70.50, and another \$82.00. 1c #424, o. g., block of 10, with imprint "coil stamps" and plate number, centered, v. f., (\$17.50) @ \$8.00. 2c #519, v. f., unhinged block of 4, except for gum break in one stamp—\$44.50.

ROBERT A. SIEGEL 82nd AUCTION SALE held July 22nd at 505 Fifth Ave., N. Y. C. In the Stampless covers a "Baltimore & Ohio R. R." in blue circle, V. F., @ \$2.10. C. Valley, N. Y., red straight line, V. F., scarce, @ \$3.10. Steamship 5 Oregon in red oval, V. F., @ \$4.40. 10c, #29, tied on cover, red New York, large margins, V. F., @ \$28.50. 3c, #33, attractive illust. Temperance cover, V. F., @ \$5.50. 3c, #33, tied with Oakland College, Miss., fine, @ \$2.90. 3c, Type I, #43, tied with fancy Chicopee, Mass., @ \$4.25. 3c, #44, tied, illust. cover card of Thompson & Co. Express, showing railroad, V. F., @ \$13.75. 3c dull red, #44, tied with LYRE, from Canton, Miss., V. F., @ \$7.75. 3c, #65, Lincoln and Johnson Campaign cover, @ \$8.25. 2c Alaska Imperf. #371, tied on cover, V. F., @ \$5.75. 2c entire, #U277, fine, "kicking mule," Port Townsend, Wash., cover torn, @ \$5.50. 2c entire, #U277, fine, pmk. of Flag, Enfield, Conn., scarce, @ \$7.25. 5c red, Hale & Co., #75L2, tied with red, boxed company marking, V. F., (\$30), @ \$16.25. 1c, #32d, V. F., used, @ \$4.25; and a second copy, also V. F., @ \$4.10. 10c, #35a, V. F., used, @ \$5.75, and another copy @ \$5.25. 12c, #36, V. F., used, @ \$6.50. 1c, #42, Type III, Ms. canc., V. F., (\$60), @ \$26.50. 3c, #44, horiz. pair with big crack extending across stamp, @ \$39. 3c August, #56, V. F., O. G., (\$25), @ \$14.75. 3c lake, #66, fine, O. G., (\$60), @ \$20. 90c, #72, used, V. F., @ \$9. 2c, #73, O. G., V. F., over Cat. @ \$3.10. 1c gridded, #92, superb, used, over Cat. @ \$5.75. 12c gridded, #97, superb, used, over Cat. @ \$3.75. 6c, #115, superb, used, near Cat. @ \$4.80. 15c, Type I, #118, used, @ \$10.75; and Type II, same, near Cat. @ \$5.10. 30c, #154, used, V. F., @ \$4. 90c same, @ \$5. 1c, #156, block of 15 with part imprint, bright, V. F., O. G., (\$70+), @ \$42. 90c, #191, V. F., used, @ \$5.75. Several pairs and blocks of 2c, #219d, sold at approximately one-half Cat., all without gum. \$1 Columbian, #241, V. F., O. G., @ \$14.50. \$1, Type II, #261a, V. F., mint P# single, @ \$27.50. #293, unused, no gum, V. F., @ \$18.25. 5c double error, #499H, in O. G. block of 12, fine, @ \$33.50. Same in single error sheet of 100, superb, @ \$25.50. 1c, #538a, P# block, Imperf., horiz., superb (\$8+), @ \$5.50. 2c, #593b same, @ \$5.50. 1c, #545, V. F., O. G., (\$8.50), @ \$5.50. 2c, #595, V. F., O. G., @ \$6.00.

LAURENCE & STRYKER 118th AUCTION SALE held June 22-23rd at the Collectors Club, N. Y. C. This was an unusual sale of historical covers and 19th and 20th Century rarities. Presidential folded letters, frank in Ms., "Free," John Adams, 1824, @ \$6.40. James Madison, V. F. folded letter, frank in Ms., @ \$7.40. Alexander Hamilton, Secy. of

Treasury, frank on stained folded letter, New York straight line, "Free," @ \$10.20. Civil War Patriotics, Laurence #164-167; Lincoln Prize Fight in Five Rounds, 5 unused covers, @ \$5.75. 3c, #65 on patriotic cover, blue Richmond caricature protecting property, @ \$8. 3c, #65, Columbia Shield and Flag in color, Magnus, Washington, D. C., @ \$15.25. 3c, #65, Columbia and Flag, Coat of Arms of N. H., Wash., D. C., tied, @ \$6.25. A nice line of College and Institution covers were sold from \$1.00 to \$3.70. Nearly twenty lots of Hotel covers brought from \$1.25 to \$9.00, the latter for an Erie, Pa., Browns Hotel. Nearly forty corner card covers of various industries, mostly illustrated, such as threshing, steam and sewing machines brought unusual prices, ranging from \$1.00 to \$11.60, the latter for a full-size picture of a 6-barrel revolver on cover with 3c 1861. A group of California and Express covers brought excellent prices. A Calif. Penny Post, #34LU10, with 3c 1851, both cut into, @ \$41.00. A Pacific Express with running horse and 3c 1851, superb, tied, pmk. VOLCANO in large blue oval, addressed to Noisy Carriers, S. F., @ \$45.00. Another similar copy in V. F. condition, @ \$35.00. A San Francisco news letter, #23, with 1c 1851, torn but good appearance, P. C., pmk. Benecia, Cal., @ \$100.00. Steamer Sierra Nevada, XXX VIA NICARAGUA AHEAD OF THE MAILS, blue, with 3c, #33, tied to New York, @ \$52.00. 3c, #33, horiz. pair on cover showing "Mining Scene", pmk. Placerville, Cal., @ \$21.00. 3c, #33, tied on fine cover with Yankee Jims, Cal. pmk., @ \$9.60. About sixty-five covers, steamship and railroad cancellations or corner cards, too numerous to quote, sold from \$2.00 to \$10.10, the latter for a cover with 3c, #33, Athens, Ohio pmk. and picture of early locomotive and train on Marietta & Cincinnati R. R. Among other groups of covers were Long Island covers, Stampless, general issues, the latter in considerable variety. Also United States entire envelopes, Airmails and Zepps. A group of Carriers and Locals, a few lots of Confederates and Prisoner's Letters also were sold. A complete set of twelve of the Columbian Exhibition post cards, #UX10, all diff., V. F., @ \$8.20. 4c, #303, and 2c, #373, the former O. C. and the latter in a V. F., horiz., pair, tied, Regis. cover, Boston, 1909, add. to Cuba, @ \$9.25. A specialized collection of 3c 1851 was also sold. The 3c orange-brown in a bright block of 4, no gum, @ \$32.75. Sixty lots of 3c 1851 on cover also changed hands at good prices. Many special cancellations and markings sold over Cat., the 10c, #116, with blue town, pretty (8), @ \$12.00. A 90c, #122, used, even margins, with slight vertical crease but V. F., (\$50), @ \$39. A block of 4 of the \$1 Columbian, #241, one perf missing but mint and fine, @ \$150.00. 50c, #310, O. G. block of 4, slightly O. C. (\$55), @ \$30. Many interesting items in the later commemoratives, too numerous to mention here, were sold. The \$200, #R102c, 1861 Revenue, fine, @ \$31.00.

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We have had several letters commenting on the new VOX-POP column in recent issues. We hope that in place of comment we can have constructive or critical letters for publication. Write a short letter on current matters, get it off your chest. Whatever you have to speak about, let's hear you now.

We use this column this week to print three short letters. One from a Postmistress that has been swamped with unwanted stamp collector mail because one of our contributors printed information without her permission. It goes to show however that we do get replies when the wanted things are offered.

Another letter from a MAJOR in our Army who heartily approves of Linn's Weekly Stamp News and of our effort to place the paper in every U. S. O. Club Room in America. Surely, if a man of this high rank will take time to commend this plan you should contribute a small sum to help make it a success.

Another letter from one of New York's leading younger dealers who sets the way for stamp dealers all over the country by sending a dollar contribution to the U. S. O. fund as well as giving a credit slip for \$2.00. Certainly there is not a stamp dealer who can not give at least a few stamps or a single good stamp that we may offer in our coming auction.

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PLANNING AHEAD FOR WINTER ACTIVITY

Now that the conventions are over, or will be after this coming week in Detroit, one can only surmise that this will be the end of stamp collector conventions for the duration. Certainly, since both major meets merely got through this time by stretching everything to favor them, there certainly will be no opportunity for useless travel and activity by the time another year rolls around.

No matter how hard one must work, in fact we might best say that the more hard one does work, just that much more need for some recreation, interest or activity to get their mind off the problems of the daily grind. We stamp collectors, we who know the pleasures and relaxations that go with our interest in our stamp collections are most fortunate, for nothing so readily adapts itself to present conditions as does stamp collecting.

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THE TAIL OF THE KITE

Judging by one of the letters in our "VOX-POP" column this week the "Mountain Came to Mahomet". All of which shows that collectors are on their toes and do read Linn's Weekly.

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Negotiations are now in progress whereby we hope to be able to announce soon, definite plans whereby a reputable dealer-publisher will take over the well known Linprint Unit System series of U. S. Loose Leaf Album Pages. We have been trying to make this arrangement for some time, so that owners would be assured of pages for years to come and thus be able to keep their album up.

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Black album pages may soon become extinct for the duration. We are advised that paper manufacturers have been limited to the manufacture of six colors of paper in the quality used in these pages and that practically all of them are discarding black. Present stocks on hand will probably be the last of this color.

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Your Editor is planning to spend the tail end of this week at the APS Convention at Cleveland. A couple days sandwiched in between issues is about as much as we can do at this time. This brief vacation however does one a heap of good and we hope to find much information for winter use.

Commemorative Stamps Of The Empire - Barbados

Barbados was among the small number of British Colonies which commemorated with special issues of postage stamps the Diamond Jubilee of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria. For this purpose the familiar device of the Seal of the colony, already figuring upon the normal stamps, was adapted for the commemorative issue by enclosing it in a diamond-shaped frame and surrounding it with the heraldic emblems of the United Kingdom. This was done at the suggestion of Mr. E. F. S. Bowen of the Public Works Department, whose preliminary sketch, carried out in enlarged format, formed the basis of the finished design.

Through unforeseen circumstances the Diamond Jubilee stamps were not available to the public until November 1897 (five months after the official celebration), but they remained valid for postal purposes down to the end of 1901.

The first printing upon white paper was followed in 1898 by a second supply which came on paper with a decidedly bluish tint, all values being found in both varieties. In the case of the bleute stamps, however, care should be taken to see that the colours are not faded, particularly as regards used copies, as it is possible to obtain a false blue effect by long exposure to the rays of the sun.

As will be seen from the following figures representing "numbers printed" of each denomination no more than 10,000 complete sets can exist, viz.: 1/4d., 500,000; 1/2d., 500,000; 1d., 50,000; 2 1/2d., 50,000; 5d., 18,480; 6d., 15,360; 8d., 20,040; 10d., 12,240; 2/6, 10,000. These totals are comprehensive of both printings.

The 2 1/2d. value exists with watermark inverted, but otherwise there are no prominent varieties.

The second occasion for indulging in a commemorative stamp issue came to Barbados with the celebration of the Centenary of the Battle of Trafalgar, in which the islanders claimed particular interest by reason of the fact that in Trafalgar Square at Bridge-town, the capital city, stands what is reputed to be the first monument erected to Nelson's memory (1813). It is this memorial that, flanked by palm trees to lend local colour forms the subject of the design prepared by the Solicitor General, Mr. G. S. Goodman, for the centenary stamps which, engraved and recess printed by Thos. De La Rue & Co. in London, did not finally materialize until March 1st, 1906—again five months after the actual anniversary date.

Two separate sets of these stamps may be differentiated; one on thick, opaque paper with a creamy tinge, and the other upon thin, bluish-tinted paper. No figures are available, excepting as regards the 2d. value, of which it is understood 50,000 copies were supplied in all.

There is a shade variety of the 1/- stamp of this series, having the border printed in deep lake instead of the normal rose. Both the 1/4d. and 1d. values may be found with the watermark inverted.

A second supply of stamps in the "Nelson" design, which was taken into use as from July 6th, 1907, was printed upon paper watermarked with the new Multiple Crown C. A. device, and comprised the denominations 1/4d., 2d. and 2 1/2d. only. Of these there were printed 50,000 copies of the 1/4d. stamp, 12,000 of the 2d., and 27,000 of the 2 1/2d. The latter included a small quantity (said to number only 2,000) with the frame printed in indigo instead of the usual bright blue. They became obsolete in August and September 1907.

The first recorded landing upon the island known as Barbados was made in 1605 by Sir Olive Leigh, "a worshipful knight of Kent," who marked the spot by setting up a wooden cross whereon was carved the inscription "James K. of E. and of this island," thus proclaiming it to be part of the King's dominions. To Lady Carter, wife of the then governor of the colony, it attributed the design of the solitary stamp created in commemoration

of the anniversary and first issued on August 15th, 1906. It shows the good ship Olive Blossom in which Sir Olive Leigh voyaged to the West Indies (copied from an old print) in a setting of the bearded fig trees that flourish on Barbados. The stamp was engraved and recess printed by De La Rue & Co., in sheets of 60. Again there is no record of the "numbers-printed," but the stamp had a short currency and has appreciated steadily in value during the intervening years.

Fourteen years later the fourth series of Barbadian commemoratives made its appearance, on September 9th, 1920, in celebration of the Allied victory in the Great War of 1914-18. The 11 denominations embraced two different designs prepared by Mr. W. Lambert Phillips, Colonial Treasurer, the one being a reproduction in miniature of the famous "Winged Victory" in the Paris Louvre, whilst the other, used for the higher values, represented the figure of "Victory" by the Victoria Memorial facing Sir Thomas Brock that surmounts Buckingham Palace, London.

The "numbers printed" of this series are, fortunately, on record, as follows: 1/4d., 50,000; 1/2d., 500,000; 1d., 1,200,000; 2d., 50,000; 2 1/2d., 100,000; 3d., 60,000; 4d., 60,000; 6d., 60,000; 1/-, 30,000; 2/-, 30,000; 3/-, 20,000. All of these had the Multiple Crown C. A. watermark, the 1d. and 3d. values existing with watermark inverted, the 1/4d. and 1/2d. with watermark inverted and reversed, and the 1/-, 2/-, and 3/- with watermark sideways to the right instead of to the left as is normal for those denominations.

A second printing of the 1d. value only was made upon Scrip C. A. watermarked paper to the tune of 500,000 copies and was released on August 22nd, 1921. All were exhausted, except for a small quantity of the 3/- stamp, by March 1924. The "remainder" of the 3/- was officially destroyed in the following year, thus accounting for the scarcity of that particular value. The market value of the "Victory" set has risen sharply in recent years and now stands at about 50/- in mint condition.

A single penny stamp of special design was authorized to be issued in connection with the celebration of the Tercentenary of the colonization of Barbados, by James, Earl of Carlisle, under Letters Patent of King Charles I in 1627, a prize of 10 pounds being offered to local artists for an appropriate design. This was supplied by Mias Cox and engraved and recess printed by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. in London. On the left appears the head of Charles I (after Van Dyck) and on the right, also in a medallion, that of H. M. King George V. Between the two vignettes appears a glimpse of a Barbados plantation, whilst the Centenary dates "1627-1927" figure in the lower angles of the design, which is carried out in transverse rectangular format. Placed on sale originally on February 17th, 1927, the Tercentenary stamp was withdrawn from circulation on September 30th following, and although a total of one million copies was ordered, approximately 10 per cent, remained on hand at the end of the

authorized period of currency and was subsequently destroyed.

Another tercentenary, that of the establishment of the General Assembly of Barbados in 1630, was the subject of the last series of commemorative stamps to emanate from the colony to date. This made its appearance on June 27th, 1939, and was in concurrent circulation with the general stamp issue for a period of twelve months from that date. The design, engraved and recess printed by Thos. De La Rue & Co. in London, presents a view of the present Hall of Assembly, dating back to 1874, with portraits of King Charles I and His present Majesty inset. In a panel extending across the foot of the design is the mace.

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THE 2c SARATOGA

This stamp was issued to commemorate the surrender of Gen. Burgoyne, Bennington and Fort Stanwix, later Fort Schuyler and now included in the city of Rome, New York. It was also urged to celebrate the first occasion that our flag was under fire (at Fort Stanwix, August 3, 1777) but there is a conflict of historical opinion as to whether the flag was then actually in use by the army. The central design is taken from John



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There will be no new Wide Defense bureau prints unless a straggler is lurking around somewhere which is hardly probable. These items will make a fine small specialized collection. For the benefit of our readers here is the list. Check it over and see how many you have. Remember these are the old wide types only. There are many more than the above in the new narrow types. This list was compiled by Klein Bros. of Vincennes Ind., and printed in the August FORUM. Hoovers numbers used. 471 is a 1c, 472 and 2c and 473 the 3c.

PRECANCELS
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Trumbull's painting, "The Surrender of Burgoyne," which hangs in the Congressional Library at Washington. This picture shows the flag flying over Gates' tent but on the stamp it was prudently omitted to avoid controversy.

The 2c—Surrender of Burgoyne—was issued on August 3, 1927, and is recorded only in carmine rose, with no known minor varieties. It is perf. 11, unwatermarked, and 25,628,450 were printed from plates 19061 to 69 and plate 19106.

First day covers are from Albany, Rome, Syracuse and Utica, New York, in spite of the fact that the official announcement again carried the statement of first day sale at Washington and at the Agency.

Watch British Colonials For Perforation Changes

It seems advisable to check up on the perforations of all new printings of current Colonial stamps as they appear, nowadays. Once it was otherwise. If the stamp was a De La Rue production it was tolerably certain that the perforation would normally gauge 14 all round; a "Bradbury" would be most likely 12, a "Harrison" 13½x14½, or a "Waterlow" 12½, these being the predominant gauges associated with the work of their respective establishments. Now all this is changed and a greater variety of perforations must be looked for in view of the many different machines that are in service in the big stamp printing plants to-day.

The first notable alterations came in 1932, when the contemporary "Seal" type stamps of Barbados began to appear with a new D. L. R. perforation of 13½x12½, instead of the original 14 as applied to these stamps of the initial printings in 1925. In 1935 the Ceylon pictorials were perforated on another new machine gauging 11¼x13¼, and this was used also for the pictorial stamps supplied for Kenya Colony in the same year.

At the present time there would appear to be in use at the De La Rue factory no less than nine different perforators, gauging 11¼, 12½, 13, 13¼, 13½, 13¾, 14, 14¼, 14½, either separately or in combination.

Bradbury, Wilkinsons, besides the familiar perf. 12, have machines gauging 11¼x11¼ and 13x14; again used singly or in combination, but chiefly the latter.

The standard "Waterlow" gauge is 12½ all round, but a new perf. 13¼x12¾ was introduced for Grenada stamps in 1936, whilst others having gauges of 13¼x11¼ and 14 all round have been introduced more recently by this firm. The normal perforation found upon "Harrison" products are 14¼x12 (Grenada), 13½x14½ (Palestine), 13¼x14¼ (Seychelles) and 14 all round (Virgin Is.).

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Collectors of the United States stamps, and dealers whose principal problem today is replacing material that has been sold, and obtaining wanted material for customers, should be sure to look for this ad, and submit their bids. Mr. Herst's reputation for fair dealing and for pleasing auction buyers is well known and we do not hesitate to recommend him to our readers' attention.

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POSTAL STATIONERY VERY POPULAR FIELD FOR STUDY

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ing published in The Scientific Philatelist, published at Wardsboro, Vermont.

Recently I searched through some stamp magazines published in the nineties to determine how foreign postal stationery was selling at that time. The results of this little research were rather astonishing to me and I give the reader herewith a few examples.

For example, consider the Scott Stamp & Coin Company sale of February 4 and 5, 1892. A Thurn & Taxis ½ sgr. orange envelope of 1861 sold for \$7. This item is now listed by Ascher at 50 marks, or say \$20.00 American money. A used 2d blue Mulready sheet brought \$7.25. These list at \$16.00 by Ascher and I would say a nice copy today would be well worth \$10 and up.

This company's next sale took place Feb. 25th of that year. At this sale a North German Confederation postbezirk envelope, one showing a 3 kr. Confederation stamp over a Prussian nine kreuzer, brought \$5.25. The magazine does not state whether this item was used or unused, but the present catalogue price of the used is \$6.40 and of the unused \$6.00. Undoubtedly that item is worth full catalogue today.

In the May 4-5 1892 sale of the same company, a Baden 18 kr envelope, an original with the corners clipped, brought \$5.00. The lister does not say whether this was mint or used but it is to be assumed that it was mint and in very poor condition for even those days this was a very rare item. Ascher today lists the mint at \$240.00 in the least expensive small size and at \$300.00 used, figuring at 40 cents to the mark. Fair examples of this envelope today should be worth \$100.00 or more. Both the 12 kr. and 18 kr. of the 1858 in either the small or large size are mighty rare items.

A Mecklenburg-Schwerin 5 schilling blue envelope of the 1856 issue with the large size inscription diagonally across the corner fetched a price of \$7.25 but this evidently was a cut square as it was described as good margins but not very fine. The mint entire today is listed 1200 marks, or about \$430.00.

In December of 1892, the Scott Company sold two of the rare Prussian octagonals. The 5 Sgr. violet, entire envelope, large size, cancelled and described as fine brought \$18.25. That does not seem much of a price now when we consider that this item is listed 1,000 marks and probably worth around \$300 or more in fine condition. The 7 Sgr. red, entire, small size, mint and very fine brought \$44 as against a present-day list price of 275 marks or say a little more than \$100. A Saxony 1862 envelope, small size, mint, 5 ng. violet, brought \$12.25 in this sale and is priced \$60.00 today.

A month later a cut square of the one shilling yellow Mauri-

tius envelope on thin bluish paper brought the exceptional price of \$51.00 in a New York auction. The entire today is Ascher No. 4 and is listed entire at 1500 marks or say \$500.00. This is one of the scarcest of British Colonials.

In the same sale a mint entire of Russia, Ascher No. 1, 10 kop. black (eagle with broad tail) watermarked coat of arms, the scarcest of the Empire issues, sold for a mere \$10.25 and at the same time the 20 kop blue entire of the same issue, mint brought \$11.00. Someone evidently got a fine bargain in the first number, because that entire is now listed at \$200.00, while the 20 kop (of which there are two sub varieties) sells for \$16.00 or \$40.00, according to the shade of the stamp.

The 15 cents Chile envelope on yellowish paper of the 1873 issue fetched \$6.55 and today is listed at \$40.00. A used example of the Finnish envelope of the 1845 issue, 10 kop black, coat of arms in an oval, went at \$14.00 and today sells for around \$24.00. A penny black Mulready sold for \$5.00, which would be a very fair price today for an ordinary copy.

Space will not permit going further with this review of old time auctions but I hope these examples will indicate the early interest that existed in postal stationery of foreign countries. Occasional lots of foreign postal stationery appear in our auctions these days but, due to the lack of knowledge of this subject on the part of most auctioneers, such lots are seldom properly described or they lack the proper arrangement to attract sufficient competitive bidding. It is to be hoped that some leading auctioneers will pay more attention to this phase of philately in the future and perhaps employ expert advice in the arrangement description and pricing of lots offered for sale.

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The inventor became the greatest person in Brazil, for wherever he went (upon his donkey) the people treated him as a king. Huge parties were given to the man considered greater than anyone who lived since the days of Jesus Christ. From near and far men and women traveled to hear Fra Bartholomeu tell of his wonderful airship which all the world was soon to see.

He called it the Passarola, and the way the friar described it must have given him great fun and merriment, for—and here is where the entire story becomes a joke—there never was such an airship! Fra Bartholomeu thought of the idea upon a rainy evening and tried it out upon a few friends. When they had marvelled and believed in his tale, the monk decided to tell it to others. The more he spoke about it, the bigger the "airship" became, until it reached a point where the "invention" appeared to be the biggest bird in the world.

Fra Bartholomeu told of it as thirty feet long, having a huge head at the front with the shape of a bird and covered with real feathers. At the other end was a large tail, also made of feathers. In between was a platform from which hung two large feather-covered wings, one on each side. High above the platform was a long sail which ran from the head to the tail. On the other ends of the platform were huge hollow metal balls with hundreds of small balls, strung like beads, tied to the tip of the tail and to the neck of the head. Examine the picture of an airplane, as shown on one of the stamps reproduced in your album, and try to imagine how ridiculous such an "airship" would look alongside of the real thing.

After telling everyone what the machine looked like, Fra Bartholomeu had to speak of the way it flew. That, it seems, was the funniest thing about the "airplane." He said that each ball had a magnet inside, that working all together, pulled the ship up into the sky! And, he went on, if the magnets did not work during a storm, there were large bellows, which by blowing wind straight into the air would make the craft rise!

Fra Bartholomeu went to Portugal (by boat) and added the king of that country to the many thousands he had fooled. His Majesty, like all the others listened, but failed to ask this great faker where he had built his ship. For some reason, which history has never discovered, no one ever asked the friar to show his ship. Everyone listened to his stories and believed them without doubt.

The Portuguese monarch gave the "aeronaut" a fine position with much money to build another flying machine for the court. For anyone trying to stop the great work the king ordered the death penalty, so visitors never came to Fra Bartholomeu's dwelling to see if any work had been done on the "airship." Once a year he came to court to report to His Majesty how the work was going. The king waited patiently for the end of the great task, when he would see with his own eyes the marvellous object that was to make Portugal the strongest nation in the world.

Some of the nobles of the court were jealous of Fra Bartholomeu's fine income and went to the people who hunted out evildoers and told them that his airship was the work of magic and the invention of the devil. Once a

VOX-POP

THE MAJOR APPROVES

Amy War College,
Washington, D. C.
July 31, 1942.

Dear Linn's:-

Enclosed please find my small contribution, hoping it may allow some service men the same pleasure I derive from your magazine.

I hope you arouse a lot of people from their lethargy into action making your venture a decided success.

Major C. H. A.
Station Surgeon,

DEALER BOOSTS U. S. O.

New York, July 31, 1942

Dear George:-

Sorry I have not got around to your U. S. O. offer before this, but the busiest summer in Philatelic history has kept me busy.

I am enclosing a dollar herewith which should make up for the unfortunate inertia of several readers.

Besides, do you want to make one of the lots in your auction sale a two dollar credit slip for anything in U. S. A. stamps in my stock to be honored at any time. It certainly ought to bring \$1.75 to the fund, in fact, I'd bid that.

I do hope your exhortation at hand today will goad more readers into action. You couldn't have a better recipient than the U. S. O. Dealers particularly should appreciate the privilege of helping bring philately to four million men who now know nothing of it, and have the time to learn of it via U. S. O. libraries.

Sincerely,
Herman Herst, Jr.

POASTMISTRESS YELLS QUITS

Mahomet, Ill.,
July 28, 1942

Linn's Weekly Stamp News,
Sidney, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

Unknown to me an article was published in your magazine stating that I would furnish patriotic cancellations.

I have been swamped with letters from Philatelists for my cancellations. I do not desire this. Please retract this as I do not have the time to give to that purpose.

Daisy Lindsey,
Postmaster

Precancel Convention To Convene For Two Days, August 29-30th

To cooperate with the Director of Transportation, Eastman's Edict, and to expedite the war effort, the Board of Governors of the Precancel Stamp Society, after consulting the Chicago Precancel Club, has decided to make the 1942 Convention a two day business meeting—August 29th and 30th.

The Chicago Club will provide bourse facilities for those in attendance. However, there will be no exhibition, banquet, or entertainment. The business session of the meeting will have prime consideration.

gain we see how he had everyone believing that such a machine was under construction, although no one ever saw it.

Fra Bartholomeu learned of the accusations and fled to Spain, where he died shortly afterward. Because of the king's order, none went near his home, even after he had run away. It was not until several months later that His Majesty came to open Fra Bartholomeu's house and discovered that they had all been tricked. There was no flying machine and no plans for it were ever found. Yet there is a statue of Fra Bartholomeu in Brazil today, and that country, larger in size than our own, has honored him on a postage stamp as the first "aeronaut"!

—Magic Comics Magazine.

THE SOCIETY OF PHILATELIC AMERICANS

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activities of the Convention which is to be held in the Detroit-Leand Hotel, and the program of the several days of this meeting in Detroit is given herewith in order that prospective attendants might arrange their plans accordingly.

CONVENTION TIME TABLE

Wednesday, August 19, 1942

12 M. to 8 P. M.—Registration of Members and Guests.

1 P. M.—Trip to Bob-Lo Fare 75c Boat leaves 1:30 P. M. Base Ball Detroit-Cleveland.

4:00 P. M.—Opening of Exhibition and bourse by President Vining and chairman exhibition Committee. Opening Address by Peter Wigle, Assistant Postmaster. Convention Post Office opens. Cacheted Envelopes may be purchased at Registration Desk. Pitney-Bowes Mail Cancellation.

8 P. M.—Reception to President Vining and Officers of the S. P. A.

8 P. M.—Convention Post Office Closes.

8 P. M.—Exhibition and Bourse Closes.

Consult Bulletin Board for Daily Events.

For Information Regarding Detroit and Vicinity inquire at Registration Desk.

Thursday, August 20th, 1942

10 A. M. to 7 P. M.—Registration.

10 A. M.—First Business Session called to order by President J. Edward Vining.

10:30 A. M. to 10:30 P. M.—Exhibition and Bourse.

Bourse.

12 M. to 8 P. M.—Convention Post Office Open.

10:30 A. M.—Ladies Shopping Tour.

2:30 P. M.—Meeting of National Federation of Stamp Clubs. Mr. H. L. Lindquist will preside.

7:45 P. M.—Banquet, Dress: Informal. Reservations must be made by 5:00 P. M.

11 P. M.—Annual Meeting of the Vultures and Fledglings, S. P. A. Branch No. 108.

11 P. M.—Cootie Party for the Ladies. Conducted by Mrs. Marion Zinsmeister. Aided by the National Women's Committee. All Ladies Welcome.

Consult Bulletin Board for today's events.

Friday, August 21st, 1942

10 A. M. to 6 P. M.—Registration.

10:30 A. M. to 10:30 P. M.—Exhibition and Bourse.

12 A. M. to 8 P. M.—Convention Post Office Open.

2 P. M.—Second Business Session.

Base Ball—Detroit—St. Louis.

7:30 P. M.—Convention Auction, conducted by Lambert W. Gerber.

9:00 P. M. Polish Stamp Clubs.

11 P. M.—Footloose Filatelists Men Members only.

11 P. M.—Annual Meeting of W. W. (Ladies Branch #00) Women members only.

11:30 P. M.—Visiting Firemen of Philately.

For Location of Events etc. see Bulletin Board.

Saturday, August 22nd, 1942

10 A. M. to 6 P. M.—Registration.

10 A. M.—Final Business Session, Installation of Officers.

10:30 A. M. to

10:30 P. M.—Exhibition and Bourse.

1 M. to 6:00 P. M.—Convention Post Office Open. Base Ball Detroit-St. Louis.

3:00 P. M.—Red Cross Auction All proceeds go to American Red Cross.

7:30 P. M.—Regional meeting P. S. P. S.

10 P. M.—Saturday night Fiesta Eats and Fun. Door Prizes. Presentation of Exhibition Awards by Exhibition Chairman, A. M. Livingstone.

Today's Program may be found on Bulletin Board.

Sunday, August 23rd, 1942

10 A. M.—Philatelic Writers Breakfast and Get-Together.

10:30 A. M. to 4 P. M.—Exhibition and Bourse.

4:30 P. M.—Formal Closing. Base Ball Detroit-St. Louis.

High Prices At Harmer Sales Indicate Coming Season Big Stamp Boom

A pair of Mauritius, Early Impression Postpaid 1d sold last week by H. H. Harmer, 32 East 57th Street, New York City, for the benefit of the American Red Cross, realized the very high price of \$360.00 No commission on the sale is being deducted, so the American Red Cross will benefit by the full amount.

This lot was just one item in a General Sale at which some very high figures were obtained:

U. S. 1847 5c tied to envelope, showing Baltimore R R in red (catalogue \$50.00) brought \$44.00.

Australia Dollfuss marginal copy (catalogue \$35.00) brought \$36.00.

Falkland Islands 1891 1/2p on half of 1p, severed block of 4 (catalogue \$54.00) brought \$62.00.

France 1931-33 20 fr. perf. 11, mint block of 4 (catalogue \$140.00) brought \$102.50.

Newfoundland 1860 3p, block of 7 (catalogue \$35.00) brought \$34.00.

St. Kitts-Nevis 1923 £1, o. g. (catalogue \$75.00) brought \$56.00.

Liechtenstein 1934 5 fr. Souvenir sheet (catalogue \$50.00) brought \$33.00.

This concludes the 1941-1942

season which has been outstanding for the number of important properties that have passed through H. R. Harmer's hands, many sale records having been broken and judging by the firm prices at this last sale, the new season should open on a strong note.

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Many collectors buy duplicate sets of these pages and either keep a used and an unused collection or build up a duplicate collection which they eventually sell as a duplicate collection neatly mounted will always find a ready market if carefully prepared.

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Interest In Philippine Stamps Brings Thoughts Of The Aguinaldo Issue

With the temporary passing of Manila to Japanese control, Philippine Islands stamps take their turn in popular favor. In seeking to fill gaps, collectors may come across examples of a series not listed by Gibbons or Scott, though users of Continental catalogues will be quite familiar with them. They are the "Moor" stamps used when war last raged over the islands. Their use came about in this manner:

During 1896-7 the Spaniards were much troubled in their uneasy rule by revolutionaries under a patriot named Emilio Aguinaldo. However, this Moro leader was "got at" by the authorities and retired to Singapore. In point of fact, he realized that his party was not yet strong enough to wage a successful war against Spain—better to "retire" and wait for a more favorable opportunity, than to lose and die! He had not long to wait, for the Spanish-American war broke out during the following year. Somebody on the American side remembered him and suggested that he be invited to return to foment and lead a Moro revolt against the Spaniards. Aguinaldo was delighted, and landed at Cavite in May, 1898.

His first action was to get into touch with a notorious secret society, the Katass-tasang Kalagayan Katipunan—the Sovereign Worshipful Association of the Sons of the Country—whose sole aim was complete independence. He let it be known that in his opinion now was the time to strike; not only against Spain, but the United States too. He secured wide support, established a government at Bacolor, and, before the surprised Americans realized what their "friend" was up to, swept on to Malolos, at the very gates of Manila, which was at that time the Spanish headquarters. Shortly, large tracts of territory were under Moro control, and it was not really until after the American capture of Manila, on August 13, 1898, that they realized that Aguinaldo was not their friend, but an enemy even more dangerous than the Spaniards. Long after Spain had ceased operations, the Moros were in the field. Though only a few miles from Manila, it took General McArthur nearly eight months to reach Malolos, but though the Moro capital fell on March 31, 1899, fighting went on for months in the hill country.

Upon arrival at Malolos, the Americans found every sign of an organized government, even to complete plants for lithographing and perforating stamps. In passing, it may be mentioned that the stones were preserved at the Manila Museum, at least until the Japanese got there!

The stamps are in three principal designs, featuring either a five-pointed star or a sun with a human face in the center. Somewhere in each design the letters KKK appear spaced so as to make a triangle; these are the initials of the secret society. The first postage stamp was inscribed CORREO Y TELEGRAFOS along the top and FILIPINOS along the base in uncolored panels. The central sun is enclosed by an uncolored triangle, itself inside a circle. The whole of the background is filled with conventional ornaments in such a manner as to make the circle and triangle stand out prominently. In very

small characters below the base of the triangle appears the value, 2 CENTS. Perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$ and rose in color, this stamp is amongst the scarcest of the series, being listed at about 10/- mint and 27/6 used. In common with all its fellows, used specimens are at a premium.

Rarest of all is a stamp identical in all respects save in the inscription along the top. This reads CORREOS only, specimens being priced at 30/- mint and 40/- used. Owing to the difficulty there was in reading the value, the shading below the triangle was removed in a third design, thus leaving the 2 CENTS upon an uncolored background. In all other respects, this quite common stamp is identical with its predecessors.

Early in 1899 a large-sized registration stamp was issued. In general design it was much like the postage stamps, but a five-pointed star replaced the triangle and sun in the center. It is inscribed CERTIFICADO along the top and 8 C. DE PESO at the foot, again in uncolored panels. Green in color, like all the others, it was perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$, but imperforate copies are known. Normal specimens are catalogued at 6d. and 1/6, imperforate varieties at 2/- and 5/- mint and used.

Dated 1888-9 in the design, a newspaper stamp was also issued. This shows the sun inside a circular band bearing the inscription GOBNO REVOLUCIONARIO FILIPINAS. (This same inscription also appears on the registration stamp.) Black in color, this newspaper stamp was issued both perforated and imperforate, mint and used, of either variety being listed at about 6d. each.

A pair of telegraph stamps complete the series. These are inscribed TELEGRAFOS at the top and the central design is again that of the sun, but the enclosing circle is absent. There were two values, 2c. violet and 50c. blue. They are worth but a copper or two each.

The Moros have always been passionately devoted to their country and its independence. It

will be interesting to see whether they bow down to the little yellow men or again rise to fight for the freedom that had already been planned for them by the United States.

The stamps reviewed were in use over vast territories where only Aguinaldo's fiat held sway. They are in no sense "locals," and it is difficult to understand why Gibbons and Scott ignore them, the latter more especially so when we learn from one of their own authorities that the stamps "were issued with proper authority, for legitimate purposes."—"The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly."

Astronomical Stamps A Sideline Collection

Among the Sciences and Arts represented in the Stamp Album, Astronomy has hitherto played no very important part. True, the constellation of the Southern Cross figures as the national emblem of Brazil in the designs of a number of stamps of that nation, as well as upon the $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. South African War stamp of New Zealand, the Silver Jubilee stamps of the same Dominion, and the Balbo Trans-Atlantic flight series of Italy, 1930-31.

Other constellations seen on stamps are Aquarius, to be found in the background of the contemporary 5s. pictorial stamp of Jamaica, symbolising the "Land of Wood and Water," and Pegasus outling the winged horse upon the Uruguayan air mail stamps of 1929-30.

Copernicus, father of modern astronomy, is portrayed upon the 1,000 mark stamp of Poland issued in 1923, whilst the Dutch horologist Huygens figures on the 5 cents denomination of some charity postage stamps emanating from Holland in the year 1928.

Of observatories, we have the one at Dorpat (Esthonia), as seen in the design of certain stamps issued to commemorate the

Tercentenary of the foundation of the University in that city; and the National Observatory of Guatemala (2 pesos, 1926).

It has been left, however, to Mexico to provide the first series of purely astronomical stamps in connection with the recent inauguration of an astro-physical observatory at Tonanzintla on February 17th last. The subjects of the designs will be familiar to astronomers, embracing as they do the Dark Nebula in Orion, a Solar Eclipse the Spiral Galaxy of the "Hunting Dog," the Extra-Galactic Nebula in Virgo (N. G. C. 4594), Ring Nebula in Lyra (N. G. C. 6720), and the "Russell Diagram" showing the relation between the Absolute Magnitude of the Stars and their Spectral Class.

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